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Ms. Marlene S. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: CG Docket No. 02-278

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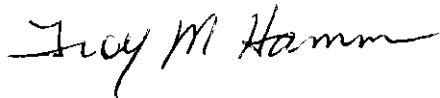
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Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy M. Hamm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Troy M.. Hamm, Broker

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George Raymond
HERBERT W RAYMOND & SON,
REALTORS
745 Main Street
South Weymouth, MA 02190

August 6, 2003

Secretary Marlene Dortch
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Re: Emergency Stay of FCC Rules on Faxing Needed

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It is in this regard that I urge the FCC to stay the effective date of the unanticipated and unprecedented fax rules for one-year. One year will allow the national, state and local associations to incorporate the required written consent form into the annual dues billing cycle. This is the most effective method for me and the 900,000 other members to provide express written consent to NAR and my state and local REALTOR associations. In addition, the stay is also essential in order to institute the required compliance procedures for fax communications with my existing and future client and business relationships to ensure minimal disruption in the real estate transaction.

George Raymond
HERBERT W RAYMOND & SON
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South Weymouth, MA 02190
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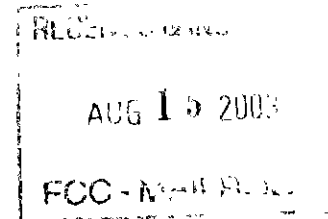
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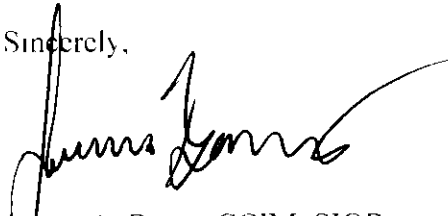
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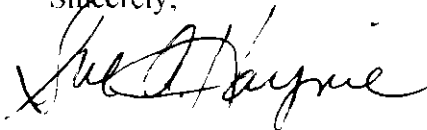
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